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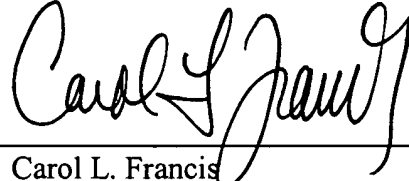
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Sir:

This communication hereby asserts that the above-identified patent application is entitled to small entity status.

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